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Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
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Agenda item 11
Adoption of the report of the Forum on its seventh session

Draft report

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Chapter I
Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

A. Draft decisions recommended by the Forum for adoption by the Council

1. The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

Draft decision I
International expert group meeting on the implementation of article 42 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

The Economic and Social Council decides to authorize a three-day international expert group meeting on the implementation of article 42 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and requests that the results of the meeting be reported to the Permanent Forum at its eighth session.

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Draft decision II
Venue and dates of the eighth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

The Economic and Social Council decides that the eighth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues shall be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 18 to 29 May 2009.

Draft decision III
Provisional agenda and documentation for the eighth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Follow-up to the recommendations of the Permanent Forum on:
   (a) Economic and social development;
   (b) Indigenous Women;
   (c) Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People.
4. Human rights:
   (a) Implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;
   (b) Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous peoples and other special rapporteurs.
5. Half-day discussion on the Arctic.
6. Comprehensive dialogue with six United Nations agencies and funds.
7. Future work of the Permanent Forum, including issues of the Economic and Social Council and emerging issues.
8. Draft agenda for the ninth session of the Permanent Forum.
9. Adoption of the report of the Permanent Forum on its eighth session.

B. Matters brought to the attention of the Council

2. The Permanent Forum has identified the proposals, objectives, recommendations and areas of possible future action set out below and, through the Council, recommends that States, entities of the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations, indigenous peoples, the private sector and non-governmental organizations assist in their realization.

3. It is the understanding of the Secretariat that the proposals, objectives, recommendations and areas of possible future action to be carried out by the United Nations, as set out below, will be implemented to the extent that resources from the regular budget and extrabudgetary resources are available.

Chapter II
Venue, dates and proceedings of the session

4. By its decision 2007/245, the Economic and Social Council decided that the seventh session of the Permanent Forum would be held at United Nations Headquarters from 21 April to 2 May 2008.

5. At its 1st to 4th meetings, on 21 and 22 April 2008, the Permanent Forum considered agenda item 3, "Special theme: 'Climate change, biocultural diversity and livelihoods: the stewardship role of indigenous peoples and new challenges'". At its 15th and 16th meetings, on 2 May, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under agenda item 3 (see chap. I, sect. B).

6. At its 5th meeting on 23 April 2008, the Permanent Forum considered item 6, "Half-day discussion on the Pacific". At its 15th and 16th meetings, on 2 May, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under agenda item 6 (see chap. I, sect. B).

7. At its 6th meeting, on 24 April, the Forum considered agenda item 4, "Implementation of recommendations on the six mandated areas of the Permanent Forum and on the Millennium Development Goals", and sub-items (a) through (f):

(a) Economic and social development;

- Follow-up paper on oil palm and other commercial tree plantations, monocropping: impacts on indigenous peoples' land tenure and resource management systems and livelihoods
- Papers on indigenous peoples and relevant thematic issues relating to sustainable development

(b) Environment;

- Paper on the relevant principles contained in the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, taking into account the provisions of International Labour Organization Convention No. 169 that relate to indigenous land tenure and management arrangements, to assist indigenous peoples, States and United Nations agencies in negotiating indigenous land tenure and management arrangements

(c) Health;

(d) Education;

(e) Culture;

(f) Human rights.

The Forum considered and adopted, as orally amended, its recommendations submitted under agenda item 4 and sub-items (a) to (f) at its 15th and 16th meetings, on 2 May (see chap. I, sect. B).

8. At its 7th meeting, on 25 April, the Forum considered agenda item 7, "Half-day discussion on indigenous languages". At its 15th and 16th meetings, on 2 May, the Forum considered and adopted, as orally amended, its recommendations submitted under agenda item 7 (see chap. I, sect. B).

9. At its 8th to 10th meetings, held on 28 and 29 April, the Forum considered agenda item 5, "Human rights: dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous peoples and other special rapporteurs" and agenda item 4.1, "Implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples". At its 15th and 16th meetings, on 2 May, the Forum considered and adopted, as orally amended, its recommendations submitted under agenda items 5 and 4.1 (see chap. I, sect. B).

10. At its 11th meeting, on 30 April, the Forum considered agenda item 8, "Ongoing priorities and themes and follow-up: (a) Indigenous children and youth; (b) Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People; (c) Urban indigenous peoples and migration". At its 15th and 16th meetings, on 2 May, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations, as orally amended, submitted under agenda item 8 (see chap. I, sect. B).

11. At its 12th and 13th meetings, on 30 April and 1 May, the Forum considered agenda item 9, "Future work of the Permanent Forum, including emerging issues". At its 15th and 16th meetings, on 2 May, the Forum considered and adopted its draft decisions and recommendations submitted, as orally amended, under agenda item 9 (see chap. I, sect. A, draft decisions I and II, and sect. B).

12. At its 14th meeting, on 1 May, the Forum considered agenda item 10, "Draft agenda for the eighth session of the Permanent Forum". At its 16th meeting, on 2 May, the Forum considered and adopted, as orally amended, its draft decision submitted under agenda item 10 (see chap. I, sect. A, draft decision III).

Chapter III
Adoption of the report of the Permanent Forum on its seventh session

13. At its 15th and 16th meetings, on 2 May, the Rapporteur introduced the draft decisions and recommendations as well as the draft report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its seventh session.

14. At the 16th meeting, on 2 May, the Permanent Forum adopted the draft report, as orally amended.

Chapter IV
Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

15. The Permanent Forum held its seventh session at United Nations Headquarters from 21 April to 2 May 2008. It held 16 formal meetings to consider items on the agenda and two informal meetings for consultations among members of the Forum.

16. At its 1st meeting, on 21 April, the seventh session was opened by the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development. At the opening ceremony, Tracy Shenandoah, of the Onondaga Nation, United States of America, offered words of blessing to the session.

17. At the same meeting, the Secretary-General of the United Nations made a video statement. Statements were also made by the President of Bolivia, the President of the Economic and Social Council, the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, the Deputy Secretary, Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Australia, and the Executive Director, International Fund for Agricultural Development.

18. Also at the same meeting, a statement was made by Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, Chairperson of the seventh session of the Forum.

19. At the 13th meeting, on 1 May, the Forum heard statements made by the President of the General Assembly and the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs.

B. Attendance

20. Members of the Forum and representatives of Governments, United Nations entities, intergovernmental organizations and bodies and non-governmental and indigenous organizations attended the session. The list of participants is contained in E/C.19/2008/Inf.2.

C. Election of officers

21. At its 1st meeting, on 21 April, the Forum elected the following members of the Bureau by acclamation:

Chairperson:
Victoria **Tauli-Corpuz**

Vice-Chairpersons:
Carlos Mamani **Condori**
Tonya Gonella **Frichner**
Lilian Muzangi **Mbela**
Pavel **Sulyandziga**

Rapporteur:
Michael **Dodson**

D. Agenda

22. At its 1st meeting, on 21 April, the Forum orally revised the provisional agenda as contained in document E/C.19/2008/1.

E. Documentation

23. A list of the documents before the Forum at its seventh session is contained in document E/C.19/2008/INF/1.